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To the Chairman and Members of

THE AMPTHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my thirtieth Annual Report for the Year 1925.

Area of the District	1742 Acres
Population (1925)	2135.
Number of Inhabited houses (1925)	713.
Number of families or separate occupiers	713.
Rateable value, ...	£14,664. 19. 0
Sum represented by a penny rate	£43. 1. 4

BIRTH RATE.

The number of births registered during the year was 23, including 15 boys and 8 girls.

Births. Legitimate 23.
Illegitimate Nil.

corresponding to an annual birth rate of 10.8 per 1000 as compared with 9.6 per 1000 in 1924.

DEATH RATE.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 39 including 20 males and 19 females corresponding to an annual death rate of 18.3 per 1000 as compared with 16.5 per 1000 in 1924.

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth ...	one
Infant mortality. Total deaths under one year	~~nil~~ one
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	nil
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages)	nil
" from Diarrhoea. under two years	nil
" from Cancer	3

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE. ~~Two~~ One case were notified during the Year.

DISEASE.	Total cases notified		Admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths.
Diphtheria	Nil		Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	one		one	Nil
Enteric Fever	nil		Nil	Nil
Puerperal Fever	Nil		Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	Male Female	2 1 3	Nil	two
Encephalitis Lethargica	Nil		Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	Nil		Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	5		Nil	1. Female 72 years.
Non-pulmonary	2		Nil	1. Female 65 years.

Vaccinations 4. Conscientious objections 16.

Sputum flasks, paper handkerchiefs and printed instructions are supplied to patients suffering with Tuberculosis.

Hospitals are provided for Diphtheria, Scarlet fever, Enteric Fever and Small Pox.

The Council pay the cost of Bacteriological examinations of swabs taken from the throat for the diagnosis of diphtheria and for the examinations of blood in typhoid cases. Medical men practising in the district can obtain a free supply of Anti-toxin.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS. BYELAWS &c IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 Parts I, II and III.

Byelaws in connection with:-

New Streets and Buildings.
Offensive trades.
Removal of Offensive or Noxious Matters.
Nuisances.
Cleansing of footways and pavements.
Decent conduct of persons using Public Sanitary Conveniences.
Common Lodging Houses.

Although the Council have in force the modified byelaws for New Streets and Buildings there has been very little building of new houses during the Year, four houses having been erected under the Subsidy Scheme, and one other.

COUNTY CHILD WELFARE WORK.

Dr Welch acts as Medical Officer to the centre and much good work is done.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Houses in the District are supplied with water from the Council Waterworks at Clophill. This supply is proving quite satisfactory and analysis has proved that the raw water is maintaining its purity. There appears an abundant supply available, and there is no diminution in the yield of the boreholes.

SEWERAGE.

During the Year the Council have constructed new sedimentation tanks, with percolating filters and automatic distributors and Humus tanks on the Sewage Farm, in substitution of the old tanks and surface irrigation, and the scheme appears to be working well. Beds have been formed for surface water, and the old tanks are being used as storm tanks. The effluent from the farm is satisfactory, and no complaints of pollution of streams have been made during the Year.

The house drainage system throughout the Town continues to give satisfaction.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE.

The system of Public scavenging is well carried out, refuse being removed twice weekly from each house. The refuse is carted to the Sewage Farm and burnt, and no nuisance is given from same.

PREMISES REGULATED BY THE SANITARY AUTHORITY.

The Slaughterhouses, Cowsheds, Dairies, and Bakehouses have been periodically inspected and their sanitary condition is maintained

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are only a few in the Town.
These do not employ any considerable number of hands mostly being the members of the owners family.
They have been systematically inspected, and are in good order.

GENERALLY.

The District has been regularly inspected. Any influences likely to affect the Public Health have been corrected as far as practicable

HOUSING.

I attach to this report an appendix, being statistics relative to Housing conditions of the District.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.
Medical Officer of Health.

H O U S I N G

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a)	Total	5
(b)	With assistance	
	(1) By the Local Authority	none
	(II) By other bodies or persons	4

UNFIT DWELLINGHOUSES.

Inspection.	(I).	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)...	136
	(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations. 1910...	102
	(3)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	2
	(4)	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation...	58

REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of Informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 58

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning Act 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices	
(a) by owners	nil
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close	nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices;	
(a) By owners	nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil

C. Proceedings under Section 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning &c Act 1909.

(1)	Numbers of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	2
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
(3)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling houses having been rendered fit	nil
(4)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	nil.
(5)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders ...	nil.
(6)	Number of houses voluntarily demolished after service of Closing Orders.	2.
(7)	Number of houses in which cases of overcrowding occurred	2.

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April 1926.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE

AMPTHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

As Sanitary Inspector of your District, I have the honour to present for your information my sixteenth Annual Report, being particulars of the work of Sanitary Administration which has been carried out during the year 1925.

Inspection has been made throughout the District and matters requiring attention have been dealt with at 107 premises.

Informal notices have been served in all cases and without exception the owners are complying with same without service of Statutory Notices.

GENERAL DEFECTS.

Dilapidations.	18
Internal cleansing	15
Defective Floors	5
Foul accumulations	1
Dampness in Dwellings	15
Defective eaves gutters	5
Fowls causing nuisance	1

DRAINAGE DEFECTS.

Defective Drains	2
Defective Vent Pipes	1
Stapped drains	3
New drainage tested and approved	3

EXCREMENT DISPOSAL.

At the end of the year there were in existence:-

Privied with fixed receptacles (outlying premises)	7
Privies with moveable receptacles (pails) ..	33
Water closets (fresh water)	535
Water closets (waste water and hand-flushed)	178
Defective W.C.Cisterns received attention ..	5
Defective W.C. and dirty closet pans	3

WATER SUPPLY

Waste of water from defective fittings ...	10

The Common Lodging House has been inspected and found in good order